



Saguaro National Park News Release

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Saguaro National Park - West Offers Winter Break Junior Ranger Camp

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West) will offer a three-day Junior Ranger Wilderness Camp during the winter school break, for kids 10 through 13 years of age. The dates for the camp will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 19th through the 21st. The camp will include a variety of fun hands-on activities, such as hiking, exploring, compass and map reading, radio telemetry tracking of Desert Tortoise, and an exhilarating night hike with story telling. Children will also learn how to select a campsite and pitch a tent, cook with a lightweight backpack stove, and hike safely in the wilderness. These skills will be learned through active demonstrations and activities, all designed to help children explore the desert, learn about nature, and have fun in the great outdoors. Camp hours are 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday, and 11:00 am to 8:30 pm on Wednesday. The camp will conclude with a night hike on Monday. Please let us know if families need special arrangements for drop-off or pick-up times. The camp will be held at the park's Environmental Education Center, near the Red Hills Visitor Center, located at 2700 North Kinney Road (approximately 2 miles northwest of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum). As space in the camp is limited, advanced registration is required. To register, or for more detailed information, please contact Park Ranger Chip Littlefield. You can reach Chip by telephone at 733-8612, or by E-mail at chip_littlefield@nps.gov. The camp fee is \$30 per child for all three days.

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